

REMARKS

In this Amendment, Applicant proposes amending the Abstract; canceling claims 4-6, 15-16, and 22-29, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof; and amending claim 10 to correct typographical errors, improve grammar, readability, and form, and to be in line with the Examiner's suggestions, and not for reasons related to patentability.

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-3, 7-14, and 19-21 and acknowledged that the application is in condition for allowance except for various formal matters discussed, and closed further prosecution of the application on the merits under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 U.S.P.Q. 74, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Office Action at pg. 2.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-3, 7-14, and 19-21.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Abstract and required that the word "comprises" be deleted. Office Action at page 2. Applicant has amended the Abstract and replaced the word "comprises" with "includes."

Regarding the claims, the Examiner required cancellation of non-elected claims 4-6, 15-16, and 22-29. Office Action at page 2. Accordingly, Applicant has canceled claims 4-6, 15-16, and 22-29, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Regarding claim 10, the Examiner objected to the phrase "said diffractive optical elements," and requested clarification. Accordingly, claim 10 has been amended to recite, in part, "at least one of said first diffractive optical element and said second diffractive optical element."

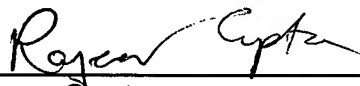
In light of the above amendment, Applicant has addressed and resolved the formal matters indicated by the Examiner. Thus, Applicant deems the application *prima facie* in condition for allowance. A timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested.

Please grant any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 required in entering this response. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 1.17, which are not enclosed, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Replacement Abstract